

2022-02-18 1000 hrs

Everyone verified.

START 0959 hrs

GENERAL UPDATES - TD

- On legal protest site
 - 11 RV(s)
 - 1 picker truck
 - 1 food truck
 - 1 semi came in last night, but left this morning
 - 17 passenger vehicles
 - 3 side by sides
 - 1 combine
 - 4 utility trailers
 - 10 people present
- According to social media, the range of people they're saying are on site could be up to 60 but that's not what we're currently seeing
- Part of our overall plan is softening that group
- Their social media
- They've kind of made their own barricades with vehicles
- Fencing may be moot, since they seem to have set up their vehicles to separate themselves, and as a windbreak
- Tickets:
 - Sheriffs issued 4 tickets yesterday and 1 IRS trail
- Towing
 - A bit of an issue towing
 - Tractors, gravel truck and semi have been towed to a storage yard
 - Owner of that company said he was getting negative google reviews and all kinds of negative local and electronic feedback so he advised we can no longer keep the vehicles on his site
 - D/EOC made hasty arrangements for an alternate location down the road – those arrangements were finalized moments ago
 - Following finalization of new location for storage of those same vehicles/equipment, the original advised perhaps he had been hasty and had changed his mind, but we're moving them anyhow
- CBSA
 - Flow good, people overall happy;
 - Some concerns from some commercial drivers who were mainly wondering if lockdown might happen again, though it seems to be more of a curious question than concern

- Homeowner from Coutts lives across the street from the house we searched and he says town overall happy with how things have gone down in relation to the execution of the warrant for the house
 - This feedback differs from what the mayor has advised
- On the US side
 - No concerns overall
 - Monday there is Presidents Day
 - 324 commercial vehicles passed through as compared to 381 yesterday
 - 238 passenger vehicles, slightly lower than yesterday
 - 885 people up from 710 yesterday
- High visibility patrols continue; tonight will be the test as well as tomorrow
 - No response as consequence of what's happening in Ottawa; intelligence ongoing

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- (SR joined 1004 hrs)
- Greg Wiebe came on today as well as CCMG;
 - They're going to start softening the group feeding the word that eventually this will end; not a permanent site
 - CCMG role will be to discuss the limitations on the Emergencies Act, switch from unlawful to lawful protest and ensure that as new people arrive, they are advised
 - The concern is that if boredom kicks in and alcohol consumption occurs, activity may pick up
 - There was an individual who came, talking a lot of anti-police and some extreme views in terms of this group;
 - They didn't like her
 - They said they asked her to leave; she had left, returned and then left again.
 - Associated with that individual
 - Vehicle **Personal**
 - RO(s) to **Personal Info.**
 - Quite an extensive history, suicide by cop, firearms charges and mental health issues;
 - Would like a BOLO sheet out to keep our members informed
 - JF- asking Vanessa CHOPYK can put together a background
 - VC – background or officer safety?
 - TD – background for now
 - VC – will do background but also if warrants do an officer safety
 - GS – officer bulletins – Sheriff asking if they can be included in dissemination
 - VC – we can use our external dissemination list
 - CK – asking also that CP Rail be included for SA
 - GS apparently when it goes to Sheriffs, it goes to a certain person, and if he's not there, it kind of falls through
 - VC – we send to the sheriffs mailbox and also we can add Rob Sapinsky

- JF- asking VC to send him the actual email address
- VC – have been using the email provided by Intellex, will send
- TD – we did a BOLO this morning and the Sheriff working this morning advised was right here and advised she did not receive it
- RE: **Pers** and his house
 - Apparently he has a buried C-can with a cache of weapons in it
 - Sending intel to Aaron
- GS – all stays same
 - One addition is Greg WIEBE with ERT and tactical background
 - If anything kicks into shape, he'll be on the ground with plenty of experience

SLOW ROLLS

- TD – just saw a brief about a slow roll towards Strathmore – not coming here, but any thoughts on how we respond?
 - JF – have been more focused on what's coming into Edmonton; you're right, we're not sure what's going to happen this weekend in Coutts; if things take a little but of a turn, it's good to have a plan
 - Intel indicates a lot
 - Darcy, from CAD and AH here to identify things to do with the slow rolls
 - JF – will need to get a better sense of things happening around the province, so far, they've been peaceful;
 - 1013 hrs
 - PT – we did work up plans for each district, discussion with DO(s); I don't see anything changing with Emergencies Act; the only thing is if there is a major disruption we have more tools, should we end up with a situation like barricade in Coutts
 - TD – my understanding it goes from Emergencies Act it goes to hinders or may potentially hinder
 - PT – if there is a tested intention, then we can adjust; believe we should have an escalating response; if we try to start to hammer the slow rolls, I don't think we can keep up with it
 - AH – last weekend and last week, we tuned our sensors, we want to be intentionally attuned to – e.g. Strathmore slow rolls happening and currently it's heading towards Coutts, so if there is something that shifts from the usual to unplanned, please let us know
 - JF – we anticipate a large volume of traffic anticipated to be traveling down there; we had a report out of Barrhead area, think co-op reported large purchases of guns and ammo and we know there is a convoy from barrhead through Acheson and through to the City of Edmonton; there are others from the Ponoka area as well
 - TD – any indication as to the numbers?
 - JF – I have heard varying number; between 20 – 250; unsure – VC do you have numbers?

- TD – also anything more detailed about the number and type of weapons?
- JF – unconfirmed as to number and type of firearms and amount and type of ammunition;
 - Someone from the store came forward and felt compelled they noticed an increase in purchase of weapons and ammunition,
 - We can't discount that too quickly
- VC – re-send SitRep info re: purchase of firearms at the CO-OP
 - Understand the population of Nearlandia is strongly represented
 - In terms of numbers, we can try to figure that out from the OSINT report today
- JF – that would be good, VC and it would be good for DF and his team in terms of anticipating what they could be seeing on the highways
- PT – suggest we could touch base with the other DO(s)
- AH – recognizing we went off track a little – anything else from SOUTH for general updates?
- TD – for SA, one of our members went to get her headlight fixed there were a few people in the shop who when they saw her in uniform told her to leave; they would not serve her
- AH – anything else from South and Coutts
 - CK from CP Rail – 1 train scheduled for today 1800 Mountain time
 - 2 trains tomorrow – 0300 hrs and one at 1800 hrs;
 - we'll be staffing officers throughout the weekend; currently we have one officer in Milk River, 12 hour shifts, remaining on call in Lethbridge
 - GS – just trying to wrap head around anything that may be happening on railway; US side mentioned some tactics around shunting the rail line – anything in place to check the rail line in advance to make sure no devices present, preventative measures
 - CK – shunting involves wires run across the tracks, which activates the crossing
 - Very little risk to public, more of an inconvenience
 - In that particular area, with the road master, they use the pick up trucks and do a daily inspection;
 - Additionally we have our officers also look for devices as needed
 - AH – anyone else from south or from SAD?
 - KC – nothing further
- JF – Rob – I see you're on; anything to add from Sheriffs?

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- JF – apparently a BOLO went out but that the sheriffs didn’t receive – VC advised was sending the Sheriffs Intel email mailbox
- RS – in light of situation, send to me and I will ensure it is disseminated
- JF – there may be other areas of the province that are pertinent as well, should those also go?
- RS – yes; the intel email box is not staffed 24/7 so sometimes the intel is dated by the time it gets out
- AH – SCB – Dave Hall – anything?
 - DH – nothing from the branch
- AH – I’ll turn to Federal – any updates or needs
 - Lisa – SA – Fed program has reaching in nationally, so we are starting to provide supports there now; nothing further
- AH – LEGAL Solicitor-Client Priv. [REDACTED]
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LEGAL

- BB – Solicitor-Client Priv. [REDACTED]
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- JF – Solicitor-Client Priv. [REDACTED] PT and TD and I took part in a national call on that yesterday with Ottawa – last ditch use – nothing we would necessarily rely on if I’m being candid – also TD is also aware if we are going to use it we need to report to Ottawa first – don’t know there’s much in there that gives us much of an advantage
 - SR – completely agree with what PT said as well – slow rolls can be covered by energy act but first use all other tools that have been already proven use in court; if you do use the Emergencies Act, and you have the authority to use that, please carefully track it, identify why we did use it or ultimately didn’t use it; please capture these details so we can properly respond
 - SR – government will need to know when to use this act for what process, not just looking at it in this circumstance, but for future, tighter cycles of protest activity, all of that will be guided by when we used it, when we didn’t, also why and why not

- TD – thanks SR – that’s really helpful; certainly our hesitation in using it, I still think it’s a good tool on a prevention front
 - Explaining why we did or didn’t essentially puts us in a precarious position; I notice Ottawa issues an information sheet
 - Good for enforcement and as a strong, powerful prevention tool;
 - Even this morning when I was driving past the protest site – he was waving his flag, but standing inside his property line; so an example of how the handout worked as a good prevention tool
- JF – my comments were more the application of the “Act”
 - Chris is on here today and we’re educating people about the potential ramifications

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- PT - wondering status of handout
- CC – have handout ready to go – got it back from MM
- JF – we’ll get that out then; this is just making people aware
- sop if we’re first
- TD - we’ll be handing those out – first to the organizers
- AH – BB mentioned working toward
 - TD – we’ll have Greg Wiebe reach out to Barry
 - We’re going to start planting that seed so we don’t end up having it more permanent
- AH – MEDIA UPDATES?

MEDIA

- CC – media
 - We have a request to introduce CCMG to local media about what their experiences are – declining to introduce at this time, indicating to them this is due to the fact that this remains ongoing
 - Mendicino made a comment about weapons cache and far right extremist groups; we went back to our records
 - Can confirm, we didn’t state anything about connections in this regard
 - IT didn’t take much for journalists to put those things together but we have never indicated that
 - AH – Anything from NS, is she on the line?

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- SR – the discussion around tie in between “K” Division and Ottawa

- Some may have come from patches and Canadian flags, and some of the comments made by protestors in Ottawa, it may have in fact originated from Ottawa protestors tying things back in to the situation at Coutts
 - AH – Nina commented nothing to add
- AH – ROUND TABLE now

ROUND TABLE

- TD- one clarification of uncorroborated comment about weapons cache – seeking confirmation
 - Do you want this tasked out or have Aaron look into it?
 - JF – let's clarify
 - DH – will give Aaron a call and ask if he is aware of that tasking; have to call him anyway, so will reach out
 - JF – maybe you and TD can chat afterward and then loop us back in
 - TD – it was second-hand but worthy of follow up
 - AH - Any other contributors to round table?
 - AH – moving to closing comments
 - JF – feel good we have the resources and wasn't to also ensure we are giving support to CPS and EPS – so reaching out
 - JF – in terms of D/EOC presence on weekend, AH will be working with a smaller team
 - JF – will be checking with CAD to confirm but I think they will have someone in their operations centre as well
 - KK - will be D/EOC on call but not in the D/EOC office
 - JF and PT both indicating available if needed but may not come in
 - TD - will be around also
 - PT – AH is Silver for the weekend
 - TD – GS will be here for the weekend as well
 - JF – TD do you want a call on the weekend, to keep people in the loop, including Sheriffs and CP Rail
 - TD – we'll get a good read tonight and keep an open dialogue and have one if needed
 - RS – will be out on the road in the Acheson area, operationally deployed but available if you need
 - CK – will be the weekend contact as well
 - KK – will be in the office tomorrow morning so will get a sense of whether we need to be in there; do we have a conduit
 - JF – CAD should have someone in their ops centre; ops officers for each district
 - KK – might be worth sending an officer over to identify # of weapons
 - JF – believe Bob was following up on that.

- Ron Parker – for anything STO please let me know
 - GC is en route to Ottawa
- AH – next meetings – per comments we’re going to go offline and to ensure those connections are still in place, in reference to Coutts, is there a tactical meeting? Deferring to TD and GS – pretty set and comfortable with the plan, will reach out if meeting needed
- AH – asking about any additional briefing meeting today –
 - PT – don’t need another briefing meeting today unless things develops
- AH – so no briefing unless needed, but if so, aim for 17800 and tomorrow morning at 1000 hrs
- AH confirms meeting conclusion

END 1048 hrs

INITIALS LEGEND	
AH	Andrew Hobson
BB	Barry Benkendorf
BW	Brad Wirachowsky
EM	Ed Moreland
IS	Ian Shardlow
JF	John Ferguson
JS	James Stanviloff
KK	Kevin Kunetzki
LB	Lee Brachmann
LM	Leanne MacMillan
NS	Nina Sahasrabuddhe
PT	Peter Tewfik
SK	Sarah Knelsen
TD	Trevor Daroux